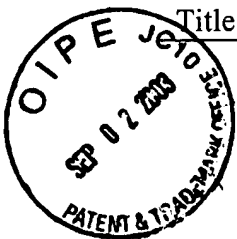


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 27, 2003, said period of response being extended from May 27, 2003 to August 27, 2003.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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